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DEPT PASS SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR IN ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS) EG, US

SUBJECT: FAHMY ON PLO STATEMENT

REF: ALEXANDRIA 0798 PARA 4

1. FAHMY ASKED ME COME BY HIS BEACH CABIN LATE THIS AFTERNOON. RECALLING YOUR DISCUSSION ON PLO PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF UNRES 242 WITH A RESERVATION ON THE REFUGEE ASPECT, HE AGAIN RECOUNTED HIS TALK OF THREE DAYS AGO WITH ARAFAT AND FIVE MEMBERS OF THE PLO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN WHICH HE HAD URGED ACCEPTANCE OF THE STATEMENT YOU AND HE HAD AGREED UPON. ARAFAT, NOTING A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN WHAT THE SAUDIS HAVE BEEN URGING AND FAHMY'S SUGGESTION, HAD REQUESTED FORTY EIGHT HOURS TO CONSIDER MATTER AND HAD THEREAFTER FLOWN TO SAUDI ARABIA. AFTER CONSULTING AGAIN WITH FAHD, ARAFAT HAD SENT TO FAHMY FOLLOWING PROPOSED PUBLIC STATEMENT:

2. QUOTE HAD RESOLUTION 242 DEALT WITH THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AS A CAUSE OF A PEOPLE THAT HAS ITS NATIONAL RIGHTS AND ASPIRATIONS TO ESTABLISH ITS STATE IN ITS HOMELAND AND NOT AS A PROBLEM OF REFUGEES, THE PLO WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED IT. UNQUOTE.

3. FAHMY CONTENDED THAT, ALTHOUGH THE PROPOSED STATEMENT IS  
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DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE YOU AND HE HAD AGREED UPON, IT NEVERTHELESS CONSTITUTES PLO ACCEPTANCE OF UNRES 242. WHEN I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT THE VERY WORDING OF THE STATEMENT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE PLO DOES NOT ACCEPT 242, FAHMY ARGUED THIS IS MERELY A MATTER OF "SEMANTICS". THE STATEMENT, AS HE SAW IT, MAKES IT CLEAR THAT IF THE PALESTINIAN ASPECT OF 242 HAD BEEN CAST AS A POLITICAL RATHER THAN A REFUGEE PROBLEM, THE PLO WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED THE RESOLUTION.

IMPLICIT IN THIS FORMULATION IS ACCEPTANCE OF ALL ASPECTS OF 242  
EXCEPT THE REFUGEE ASPECT.

4. FAHMY ASKED THAT I SEND THE DRAFT STATEMENT TO YOU AT ONCE AND  
ELICIT YOUR READING AND COMMENTS. IF YOU BELIEVE THE STATEMENT  
NEEDS BE CHANGED, HE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH ARAFAT AGAIN.  
ARAFAT, ACCORDING TO FAHMY, IS STANDING BYNFOR A CALL TO COME TO  
CAIRO ONCE AGAIN.  
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